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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Venkat Perungavoor

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 10-45 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 5 and 7-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 December 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

As a result of the pre-appeal brief request, the instant application was re-opened. And after an updated search, the Examiner has found new art that reads on the limitations. The new grounds of rejections are as follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6671407 to Venkatesan et al.(hereinafter Venkatesan).

Regarding Claim 1 and 4, Venkatesan discloses the compression of first image see Col 9 Ln 15-24; embedding the compressed first media signal into the second media signal see Col 5 Ln 20-31; where the first and second media signals are content objects and are perceptually similar¹ see Col 3 Ln 26-29 & Col 3 Ln 46-53(where the images are detected for piracy by comparing the hashes of images) & Col 4 Ln 47-58(where the watermarked images are compared for piracy).

¹ The term perceptually similar is being defined as the images having the same hash value see Specifications page 12 Ln 1.

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VP Claim 5⁷⁻⁹ are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6674874 to Yoshida et al. (hereinafter Yoshida).

Regarding Claim 5 and 7, Yoshida discloses decoding the signal that is imperceptibly embedded into the signal see Col 15 Ln 11-24; comparing the hash value calculated with the value stored for authentication see Col 15 Ln 35-44; the embedding of hash values into host signal, where the hash is a function of image see Col 12 Ln 59- Col 13 Ln 15 & Col 13 Ln 49-65.

Regarding Claims 8 and 9, Yoshida discloses the authentication of blocks using previous blocks see Col 12 Ln 40-54.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 10-45 are allowed as indicated in the previous action. The reasons for allowance will not be repeated here for sake of brevity.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

See Notice of Reference Cited


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkat Perungavoor whose telephone number is 571-272-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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